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Subject:

Hello, Greg. I am responding to your email from March 9, 2012. From your email, we understand that the 45 signatories to the October White Paper are requesting the following things:

1. a meeting with EPA management to discuss policy issues regarding the Portland Harbor remedy;
2. would like an appropriate means for ensuring the Signatories are provided a meaningful opportunity to input in risk management decision-making; and
3. want to share your thoughts with CSTAG and EPA managers who will be reviewing the Portland Harbor remedy and its consistency with work at other sites.

I will provide the agency's general response to each item below. Please don't hesitate to call me to discuss these issues further.

1. Dan Opalski, Director of the Environmental Cleanup Office, will meet with representatives of the signatories regarding your risk assessment issues and other issues raised in the white paper. However, we believe such a meeting would be more productive after the group has seen EPA's comments on both the human health risk assessment and ecological risk assessments which we believe may address your issues on transparency. EPA expects to have our human health risk assessment comments to the LWG in the next few weeks. EPA's comments on the ecological risk assessment are anticipated to be issued by June.

EPA is not planning regular meetings with the signatories. When you choose to schedule the meeting with Mr. Opalski, your group should consider when you may have all the relevant information or at least the agency's thoughts on the baseline risk assessments.

2. EPA intends for the signatories and all PRPs along with entire Portland community to have meaningful opportunities to provide input into the draft Feasibility Study, and the Proposed Plan for Portland Harbor. As you are aware, the draft FS was received last week. A complete copy is in EPA's Information Repository at the St. John's Library and on EPA's Portland Harbor website. EPA is seeking input from the community, including PRPs, on the draft FS concurrent with our review of it. Although this is not a formal comment period and EPA will not be responding to comments received, we encourage the signatories to review the document and provide your input in writing to EPA staff. EPA expects our review will take 4-6 months and we would appreciate receiving your input within that time frame.

EPA has scheduled four overview sessions on the draft FS. We encourage all signatories to attend one of the sessions:Wednesday,

Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Open House 5:30 to 6 p.m.)
St. John's Community Center
8427 N. Central Street, Portland, Oregon

Thursday, April 12, 2012, 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Open House 12:30 to 1 p.m.)
Portland Building Auditorium
1120 SW 5th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Portland, Oregon

Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Open House 5:30 to 6 p.m.)

June Key Delta Community Center
5940 N. Albina Street, Portland, Oregon

Thursday, May 10, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Open House 5:30 to 6 p.m.)

Ecotrust Building- Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center
721 NW Ninth Avenue, Portland, Oregon

If EPA schedules any other public meetings, workshops, etc., all PRPs will be invited. Additionally, EPA anticipates we will schedule a status update meeting for PRPs after our review of the draft FS is complete, probably sometime this Fall.

3. With regard to sharing your thoughts on Portland Harbor risk management decisions with CSTAG and other EPA managers, it is EPA's practice to provide comments on the RI/FS received from PRPs to the National Remedy Review Board and we would provide them to CSTAG as well. The public nor PRPs are invited to attend NRRB or CSTAG review sessions with the Regions. When preparation for NRRB and CSTAG reviews are scheduled, EPA will notify the PRPs of the opportunity to provide comments and the specific page limits and other relevant protocols that apply.

To schedule the meeting with Mr. Opalski, please contact Jennifer Brave at (206) 553-6241, or brave.jennifer@epa.gov.

I would be happy to discuss our responses or any other questions you may have about the decision-making process moving forward.

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